



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2008

Approved
07-02-08

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Lee Kochems, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Carrie Broadus	Ted Liso	<i>none</i>	Craig Vincent-Jones
Whitney Engeran, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Ruben Acosta	Kathy Watt		Nicole Werner
Jeffrey Goodman	James Skinner	Tim Young		
Dean Page		Elizabeth Escobedo		
Ruel Nollado		Luis Lopez		
Chris Villa		Ron Snyder		
Kyle Baker		Manuel Negrete		
Peg Taylor (<i>by phone</i>)		Daniel Rivas		
		Kevin Farrell (<i>by phone</i>)		
		Steve Berk (<i>by phone</i>)		

CONTENTS OF COMMITTEE PACKET:

- 1) **Agenda:** Public Policy Committee, 1/16/2008
- 2) **Minutes:** Joint Public Policy Committee Minutes, 10/17/2007
- 3) **Legislation:** Proposed Health and Safety Code Section 121023. CD4 Reporting.
- 4) **Memo:** Health Care Reform: Legislation and Ballot Initiative, 1/9/2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 2:37 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the minutes from the October 17, 2007 Joint Public Policy Committee meeting (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There was no comment.
5. **COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There was no comment
6. **PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:** There was no comment.
7. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:** All meetings going forward will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, 2:30 – 4:30 pm beginning February 6, 2008.
8. **STATE BUDGET:**
 - Mr. Farrell reported that the Governor's proposed budget includes a 10% cut across-the-board. It would include a \$11million, \$220,000 cut for the Office of AIDS, \$7 million from ADAP and the remaining cuts from various prevention, care and epidemiological programs. He added that education and prevention would be cut statewide by \$1.5 million out of a total

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budget of \$24 million, mitigated by the \$5.6 million augmentation, and an additional \$600,000 reduction from counseling and testing. There are no reductions currently proposed for care services, although there were deep proposed cuts in Medi-Cal reimbursements and Denti-Cal.

- Ms. Taylor reported that as a result of the proposed ADAP cuts, the formulary would most likely be reduced, along with the re-classification of certain drugs. She added that there is no anticipation of “waiting lists.” Mr. Berk added that the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) would consult with the State Office of AIDS to determine which drugs may or may not be removed from the formulary.

➤ Develop a plan of action; dissemination of information, evaluate the impact of cuts, communicate to legislators, advocacy/community mobilization, education, meet with stakeholders/EMAs/TGAs to develop strategy.

➤ Develop a one-page summary for presentation to the community.

9. **RYAN WHITE 2010 PRINCIPLES:** Mr. Kochems reported that the comments from the Annual meeting have been reviewed and the Principles document was being refined in accordance with those comments. The subcommittee was scheduled to meet on February 8; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

10. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA:

- A. **CD4 Legislation:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reminded the group that the proposed legislation, which will require mandatory CD4 reporting, will be an urgency measure authored by Senator Kuehl. He added that the reporting will allow for collection of more HIV/AIDS case reports and help in the estimation of unmet need. The bill’s sponsors are Los Angeles County, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) and AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA).

11. INMATE HIV ISSUES/CORRECTIONS:

- A. **Corrections Hearing:** Staff is working to finalize the transcript from the September forum.

12. PREVENTION ISSUES:

- Mr. Kochems reported that the PPC is developing a work plan for next year. Committee membership applications were distributed to the PPC members.
- Mr. Engeran indicated that possible legislation is being considered to require condom usage in the porn industry.

13. FEDERAL AGENDA:

- A. **ETHA:** The item was postponed.
- B. **Filling Medicare Gap:** The item was postponed.
- C. **SAMHSA Reauthorization:** No additional information.
- D. **Food Stamp Reauthorization:** The item was postponed.

14. STATE AGENDA:

- Mr. Goodman suggested that the disability requirement for CARE/HIPP be eliminated. Ms. Taylor added that CARE/HIPP has been a bridging benefit between self-paid insurance and Medical/Medicaid. She agreed to check to see if the eligibility requirements are either federal statute or state policy.
- Mr. Goodman discussed AB1401: legislation that established CAL-COBRA, which doubles the normal COBRA period from 18 to 36 months if a person has no other viable alternative for health coverage. He expressed concern with a loophole that exempts any health insurance plan that is privately funded.
- Mr. Goodman also recommended that the Committee review how the system is preparing to respond to the needs of people with HIV who are aging. Mr. Nollado referred the group to AB 659 (Human immunodeficiency virus: Age-appropriate Treatment: Study), introduced by Assemblymember Ma, as a mechanism to help facilitate that review. The Committee also suggested a forum/hearing on HIV and aging. Mr. Vincent-Jones agreed to send a NY Times article about the aging HIV population to the Committee.
- There was discussion about Nunez’s bill, ABX1 1 (Universal Health Care). The bill includes a mandate requiring all residents to purchase health care coverage with some limited low-income exceptions. Mr. Engeran suggested a recommendation to the BOS to address the gap(s) that might be experienced specifically by people HIV specifically. Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that the County has already gone on record supporting the bill. Mr. Goodman indicated that he opposes the bill and supports Senator Kuehl’s SB 840 (Single Payer Healthcare Coverage) alternative. The Committee agreed

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to invite Herb Schultz, the Governor's Senior Health Policy Advisor, to come and speak at the next Commission meeting, to discuss, in particular, HIV concerns in the Governor's/Speaker Nunez' proposed health report package..

15. **LOCAL AGENDA:** The item was postponed.
16. **COMMITTEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** The item was postponed.
 - A. **Criteria for Reviewing Legislation:** The item was postponed.
 - B. **Advocacy Position Follow-Up:** The item was postponed.
 - C. **Procedures for Time-Sensitive Policy Actions:** The item was postponed.
 - D. **Public Policy Roles and Responsibilities:** The item was postponed.
17. **MEDI-CAL/MEDICARE:** The item was postponed.
18. **SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKGROUP REPORTS:** The item was postponed.
 - A. **Ryan White Strategy Subcommittee:** The item was postponed.
 - B. **Privacy Subcommittee:** The item was postponed.
20. **SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKGROUP REPORTS:** The item was postponed.
 - A. **Title XXII – Housing:** The item was postponed.
21. **WORK PLAN:** The item was postponed.
 - A. **Other Committee Members:** The item was postponed.
 - B. **Prioritization:** The item was postponed.
 - C. **Assignments:** The item was postponed.
22. **PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES DOCKET:** The next meeting will review proposed HIV-related legislation for Commission review and recommendation to the CEO and Board of Supervisors.
23. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Engeran announced an Assembly Health Committee hearing to talk about STDs, STD/HIV integration, and other related issues, to be held on February 12, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.
24. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.